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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0061] with the following amended paragraph:

[0061] In the embodiment illustrated in FIGURES 4A-4D, the raised regions 312 have a prismatic configuration, i.e., having flat sides 416 418 and flat tops 418 416. It will be appreciated, however, that the raised regions/loops 312 may be rounded or curved or have other shapes so long as the passages 412 therethrough are aligned along a passage axis 414.

Please replace paragraph [0073] with the following amended paragraph:

[0073] In the embodiment shown, the raised regions 312 on the substrate adapter 302 are prismatic, i.e., having flat sides 520 522 and flat tops 522 520 similar in configuration to the raised regions on the accessory adapter shown in FIGURES 4A-4D. It will be understood, however, that the raised regions/loops 312 on the substrate adapter 302 could be curved or have other shapes as long as the passages 512 are all aligned along a common passage axis 514. It will further be apparent that the raised regions 312 of the substrate adapter 302 and the accessory adapter 306 need not have identical configurations, but merely must be compatible in terms of raised region width, spacing between the raised regions, and height and width of the passages such that a single common passage is formed when the adapters are brought into operational alignment with their top sides together.